

REMARKS:

At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-10 and 12-13 were pending. Claims 1-6, 8-10 and 12 stand allowed, and claims 7 and 13 stand rejected. Pursuant to this Amendment, claims 7 and 13 have been amended. Claims 1-10 and 12-13 remain pending.

Allowance of claims 1-6, 8-10 and 12 is noted with thanks.

Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claim 7 has been amended to address the Examiner's objection by deleting the limitation that recited the conical portion as being "square conical". Thus, removal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

The drawings stand objected to as the Examiner has indicated that the limitation of the grounding screw extending over the raised annular ridge and along the conical portion must be shown in the drawings. Again, this objection is respectfully traversed as this limitation is already shown in Figure 2. As explained in paragraph [18] in conjunction with Figure 2 of the subject application, the head of the screw 12 sits atop the ridge 34, extending over the ridge 34 and along the conical portion 28. With reference to Figure 2, one can see that the head of the screw 12 extends beyond the ridge 34 and over or above a portion of the conical portion 28. It is respectfully suggested that "along" in the context of the claimed invention means essentially the same thing as "over" or "above", and is thus clearly shown in Figure 2. Accordingly, removal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Märtens (U.S. Pat. No. 1,320,259). This rejection is traversed for at least the following reasons.

Without agreeing with the Examiner as to what is or is not taught by Märtens, claim 13 has been amended to more clearly define what it is the applicants regard as their

invention. Since Märtens does not teach or suggest the structure as now claimed in claim 13, claim 13 is in condition for allowance.

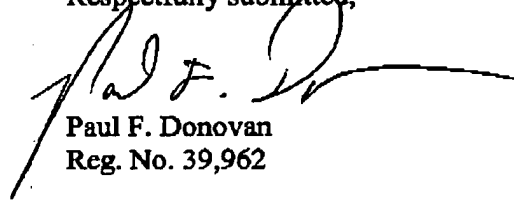
No new matter has been added to the subject application by way of the amendments and remarks made herein.

Reconsideration of the rejected claims and allowance of all the pending claims is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any remaining issues that need to be addressed, in order to expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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